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LETTER DATED 8 JULY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

It is with deep concern that I inform you of recent developments in the Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict.

At the present time, the Republic of Armenia is engaging in new hostilities and broadening the scale of its aggression against Azerbaijan in defiance of Security Council resolution 822 (1993).

On 7 July 1993 at 1800 hours local time, Armenian troops began a new offensive to the west and south of the town of Agdam. Bringing their reserve troops into combat, they captured three southern suburbs of Agdam - Shelli, Gasymly and Saybaly - and occupied a number of positions in the village of Chukhurmekhle west of Agdam. The Armenian offensive against Agdam continued all night and, by the morning of 8 July, advanced Armenian divisions were 5 kilometres south and 3 kilometres west of the town. From those same directions, Agdam and its surrounding villages are being subjected to continuous intensive rocket-artillery shelling. Armenian troops were also active to the north of Agdam.

Last night, Armenian troops continued to concentrate around another Azerbaijani town - Fizuli. Armenian troops still control seven villages in Fizuli district captured during the offensive of 5 July. During the night, the town of Fizuli and villages of neighbouring Djebrail district, which borders on Iran, were subjected to heavy artillery shelling.

As of today, the Armenian troops have occupied 20 villages of Agdam district: Abdal, Gyulably, Djinli, Aliagaly, Alimadatly, Mollalar, Galaychylar, Boyakhmedli, Papravend, Kengerli, Shakhbulag, Chuvlu, Bagbanlar, Ismailbeyli, Saybali, Marzili, Gasymly, Shelli, Khatyrderbend and Kyurdlar. In Fizuli district they have occupied 14 villages: Gogd, Yukhary Veysally, Gadjar, Divanallar, Gevshadly, Derdlyar, Chimen, Gyuneshli, Garadgly, Yukhary Gyuzlek, Gerazylly, Khatynbulag, Arysh and Khalafsha.

During the night of 8 July, after a relatively brief respite, Armenian armed forces recommenced shelling from their territory of the settlement of Sadarak in Nakhichevan district of Azerbaijan.

All these incidents demcnstrate that the Republic of Armenia has not renounced its aggressive intentions and is using force and the tactics of *fait accompli* to acquire territory, which poses a serious threat to security in the region.

We call upon the Security Council to condemn Armenia's aggression against Azerbaijan and hold it accountable for its actions.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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